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HITTING THE WIFE

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Our topic of discussion today is with regards to hitting the wives.

The Messenger (ﷺ) narrated, in a Hadith Qudsi (divinely inspired from Allah): *O My servants, I have forbidden oppression for Myself and have made it forbidden amongst you, so do not oppress one another…*
[Muslim 2577]

[Also] Aisha (رضي الله عنها) states in a Sahih Hadith: *The Messenger of Allah never beat any of his servants, or wives, and his hand never hit anything.*
[Ibn Majah 1984]

In our times we now hear of horrible stories with regards to the torturing of the wives, and hitting them. Woe to the one who degrades them, woe to the one who falls short on fulfilling their rights, woe to the one who strikes them.

In one situation he busts open her head, and in another situation he urinates on her, and in another he breaks her jaw, and so on and so forth. And there's also the verbal insults, along with the physical abuse – a man insults the woman in front of his children, as well as her family, while the Messenger (ﷺ) said:

A true believer is not involved in taunting, or frequently cursing (others), or in indecency, or abusing.
[Tirmidhi 1977]

And from the most indecent matters some men have taken to, is to deny their wife and children the most basic of rights. Such as food – [It should be noted that] financial maintenance of your family is not a favor upon them [because it's their right]. The Messenger (ﷺ) said:

The most excellent dinar a man spends is one he spends on his family…
[Muslim 994]

This is a Sahih Hadith – In Islam, women are to be taken care of and honored, and likewise their rights are to be given to them in their entirety, no less – And Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) mentioned women in the Qur'an more than the [general word] man.

Women are mentioned 85 times within the Qur'an. So, the women have their rights and that which is obligatory to provide for them, and she should receive her rights in their entirety, and likewise that which is obligatory be provided for them in its entirety.

For she is equal to the man, in having rights and that which is obligatory to be provided to them (in the context of Marriage). So, every man and woman was created by Allah for a specific role, for him/her to specialize in. It may very well be that a woman is higher in Taqwa and Status [with Allah], than their male counterpart. The Messenger (ﷺ) said:

...And I advise you to take care of the women...
[Bukhari 5185, 5186]

And Aisha (رضي الله عنها) narrated, that the Messenger (ﷺ) said:

The best of you is he who is best to his family, and I am the best among you to my family...
[Tirmidhi 3895]

So it is not permissible to mistreat the wife, and it is upon the husband that he fears Allah in all his affairs (and likewise the wife), and to live with his wife in goodness, with kind words and a kind manner, and love. Basically, to make good all that he has from words and actions.

From the saying of The Messenger (ﷺ), [we understand that] he entrusted us with our womenfolk, and He (ﷺ) said:

Fear Allah in your women, for you took them based on an entrustment with Allah, and their private parts became Halal for you by the Word of Allah...
[Muslim 1218]

Whoever is oppressing his womenfolk, then [know that] oppression, as the Messenger (ﷺ) warned us:

Be on your guard against committing oppression, for oppression is a darkness on the Day of Resurrection...
[Muslim 2578]

Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) says in His Exalted Book:

Surely! Allah wrongs not even of the weight of an atom (or a small ant), but if there is any good (done), He doubles it, and gives from Him a great reward.
[Surat An-Nisaa: 40]

O Allah make clear to us the truth, and grant us the ability in following it, and show us the falsehood for what it is, and grant us the ability to avoid it. O Allah make us guided guiders, and not misguided, nor of those who misguide others, and to close our Dua, All the Praises and Thanks be to Allah, the Lord of the Worlds.